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For: COLLAPSIBLE STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY FOR A VEHICLE

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

Supplementing the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 8, 2001, and without any assertion as to materiality or prior art effect, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby cited.

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